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SUBJECT: W/W LISBETH JANE KRAMER AND VINCENT CRAPANZANO

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1. CONGRESSMAN MAX BAUCUS PERSONALLY INTERESTED.
2. POST RECALLS THAT ALMOST EVERY TIME WE ATTEMPTED TO CALL SUBJECTS IN CONNECTION WITH SEVILLE 438 AND PREVIOUS, HOSPITAL SWITCHBOARD SAID MRS. KRAMER WAS USING TELEPHONE. HENCE CRAPANZANO'S DIFFICULTY IN COMMUNICATING WITH US MAY BE THAT MRS. KRAMER HAS MONOPOLIZED USE OF HIS TELEPHONE.
3. WE HAD SEVERAL CALLS ON THE MATTER THURSDAY, INCLUDING TWO FROM JOE COOPER OF THE NEW YORKER, CULMINATING WITH RECEIPT OF REFTEL. THIRD PARTY IN THEIR CAR WHEN ACCIDENT OCCURRED IS UPPER CLASS AND WELL CONNECTED SPANISH LADY WHOSE HOUSE-GUESTS THEY WERE AND WHO WAS CHILDHOOD SCHOOL CHUM OF CRAPANZANO'S. SUBJECTS INDICATED THAT THIRD PARTY HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT EMBITTERED (SHE SUFFERED FACIAL INJURIES) AND INDEED APPROACHED THEM WITH LAWYER ABOUT THE ACCIDENT. THEY ARE THEREFORE FEARFUL SHE WILL ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THEIR DEPARTURE FROM SPAIN. WE ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO BASIS OF THESE FEARS, SINCE SPANISH LAW IS UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT SIMILAR TO U.S. JURISPRUDENCE WITH RESPECT TO THIRD PARTY LIABILITY SUITS. WE BELIEVE THEIR FEARS ARE EXAGGERATED, PERHAPS EXACERBATED SOMEWHAT BY THE PENETRATING 100 PLUS HEAT WAVE THE AREA HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING. CRAPANZANO REQUESTED A FEW DAYS AGO THAT WE CHECK WITH SPANISH AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY LEGAL RESTRAINT HAD BEEN IMPOSED UPON THEIR DEPARTURE. WE SUGGESTED THAT RAISING THE QUESTION WITH THE SPANISH, EVEN IF WE COULD

MAKE SUCH A DETERMINATION BY HIT-AND-MISS CALLS TO VARIOUS COURTS
IN THE AREA, COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

4. WITHAL, SUBJECTS STATED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH CONOFF
LATE THURSDAY AFTERNOON JULY 27, THAT THEY WERE DEPARTING THIS
AFTERNOON (FRIDAY) FOR SWITZERLAND VIA FLIGHT FROM MALAGA. MRS.
KRAMER RORHDOED WE SEND A CONOFF TO ACCOMPANY THEM, BUT WE
EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS NOT FEASIBLE. WE DID HOWEVER AGREE TO
CALL SWISSAIR IN MALAGA THIS AFTERNOON TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR
NOT SUBJECTS WERE ENCOUNTERING PROBLEMS. UNLESS WE SO REPORT,
DEPARTMENT MAY ASSUME THEY DEPARTED WITHOUT ANY IMPEDIMENTS.
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